

REMARKS

The office action of January 31, 2005 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 3-7 through 10-14 remain in this case, claims 1-2 and 8-9 being cancelled by this response.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 6 and 9 were rejected as allegedly unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Regarding claim 6, support is found on pages 9-10 of the original patent application.

Regarding claim 9, definite article "the" is changed to indefinite article - - a - -.

Applicant believes that these amendments have fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, and the claims are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-6, 8-10 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Belden, Jr. (US 6,412,631)* Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection.

However, in order to pass the instant patent application speedily to issue, Applicant chooses not to traverse the rejection but reserves the right to file continuations or any other mean in order to keep the filing date of the rejected claims.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §103

Similarly, with regard to 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections, in order to pass the instant patent application speedily to issue, Applicant chooses not to traverse the rejection but reserves the right to file continuations or any other mean in order to keep the filing date of the rejected claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Such action has been taken, as noted in the preliminary comments above. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's statement that claim 11 is allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

Respectfully submitted,

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